NYM. 'Faith, I will live so long as I may, that's the certain of it: and when I cannot live any longer, I will do as I may °: that is my rest [4], that is the rendezvous of it.

BARD. It is certain, corporal, that he is married to Nell Quickly: and, certainly, she did you wrong; for you were troth-plight to her.

NYM. I cannot tell: things must be as they may: men may sleep, and they may have their throats about them at that time: and, some say, knives have edges. It must be as it may: though patience be a tired mare[5], yet she will plod. There must be conclusions. Well, I cannot tell.

Enter PISTOL *and Mrs.* QUICKLY,

BARD. Here comes ancient Pistol, and his wife:—good corporal, be patient here.—How now, mine host Pistol?

PIST. Base tike [6], calfst thou me—host?

The humour of *sworn brothers* should be opened a little. In the time of adventure, it was usual for two chiefs to bind themselves to share in each other's fortune, and divide their acquisitions between them. So, in the Conqueror's expedition, Robert de Oily, and Roger de Ivery, were *fratres jurati*: and Robert gave one of the honours he received to his *sworn brother* Roger. So these three scoundrels set out for France, as if they were going to make a conquest of the kingdom. WHALLEY.

[3] —and when I cannot live any longer, I will DO as I may: Surely we ought to read, "I will *die* as I may." M. MASON.

[4] —that is my REST, i. e. what I am resolved on. For a particular account of this phrase, see notes on Romeo and Juliet, vol. vi. p. 203, n. 6, and p. 242, n. 1. STEEVENS.

5— patience be a tired MARE, The folio reads, by corruption, tired *name*, from which Sir T. Hanmer, sagaciously enough, derived tired *dame*. Mr. Theobald retrieved from the quarto, tired *mare*, the true reading. JOHNSON.

So, in Pierce's Supererogation, or a New Praise of the Old Asse, &c.: "Silence is a slave in a chaine, and *patience* the common *packhorse* of the world." STEEVENS.

[6] Base TIKE,] *Tijk* is the Runick word for a little, or worthless dog. So, in King Lear: